

the TROY MUSEUM GUILD

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1979

6TH ANNUAL DINNER THIS MONTH

The Troy Historical Society's 6th annual dinner will be held on March 20 (Tuesday) this year at Boulan Middle School. You have probably already read about this in the recent issue of the "Troy-Village Press". This notice will serve as your reminder. If you have not made your reservation please do so today. Just about 100 people have already signed up so please hurry or we may run out of space.

Please make your checks payable to the "Troy Historical Society" and drop off or mail to the Museum. The cost is \$4.50 per person or \$3.00 per person with a dish to pass. We have had many people offer to bring pies - what we need more of now are salads. Get your reservation in today!

GUILD TOUR PLANNED

The Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 21 at the Museum. This month we have planned a tour of the Clawson Historical Museum. We will meet at our Museum at 1:00 p.m. and go to Clawson by caravan for a 1:30 p.m. tour. Mrs. Jerry Kumler, Curator of the Clawson Museum, was kind enough to send us brochures about their facility. We have included a copy with this newsletter for your information (and to entice you to join us). There is no admission charge so this will be one of the Guild's "freebie" tours. Others are being planned. Please help us make the first one for '79 a success.

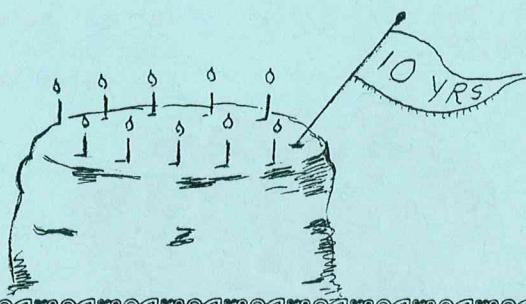
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

A special treat is in store for Guild members this month. After the tour on the 21st. we will return to the Museum for birthday refreshments. Believe it or not you are members of an old organization. The Museum Guild is ten years old this month.

In March, 1969 the Troy Historical Commission got volunteers together to form a "Museum Volunteer Group." Many interested and dedicated volunteers formed the nucleus of what has become the Museum Guild. Let's get together and swap stories of the growing pains, reminisce about "how it once was", bask in the glory of the achievements over the last ten years, and try to guess which members were really the "charter" members. Maybe we can even convince Gladys to play a round or two of "Happy Birthday

ACTIVE MEMBERS TO VOTE

All active members are eligible to vote on a suggestion recently made by Peg Ayers. The question is: "Should active members of the Troy Museum Guild be entitled to a 20% discount on gift shop merchandise?" Many new items have been (and will be) added to the gift shop and Guild members have often asked if they could get a discount. We felt if that is to be done, then you should help decide to do it. What is your pleasure? Please give it careful consideration and cast your vote by filling out the "ballot" at the end of this Newsletter and returning it to the Museum office. All ballots should be cast by April 15, 1979.



NEXT DISPLAY DELAYED

The beautiful Indian artifact exhibit has been taken down. Please be advised that there will be a temporary delay before the next exhibit will be set up. The Museum staff is taking advantage of this time to cut into the bases of our large exhibit cases to provide storage. Did you know that all the cases had hollow bases? What a waste of space! So Kate and Paul are busy with hammers, drills, boards and nails to create extra storage space for our exhibit preparation materials. When they finish, each case will have a "hidden door" behind which we can cram a bunch of goodies. Please bear with us - Kate is already to go on a special Military exhibit as soon as this project is completed. We will give you more details on the next display in the next Newsletter.

HERITAGE DAY ALMOST HERE

Have you marked May 20, 1979 on your calendar as a special day at the Museum. That's a Sunday and it begins Michigan Week. Under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, activities are planned each day of the week. Sunday has traditionally been set aside as "Heritage Day" in Troy with the Museum on center stage. This year we hope to have the fence completed as well as a gazebo built. The Mayor will be present to help dedicate the gazebo and there will be a drawing for prizes. The Heritage Day Committee also plans on special exhibits, refreshments, a flea market type "collectibles sale", and much, much more. Details will be out next month. You won't want to miss out on all the excitement so mark it on your calendar now.

The activities will begin at 12:00 noon and run to 4:00 p.m. Peg has already spoken to most of you and has drawn up a schedule. Copies of the schedule are included with this Newsletter. Check for your name and please note the time and location. If you have any questions feel free to call Peg (647-3762) or the Museum office (689-9178).

"COLLECTIBLES" WANTED

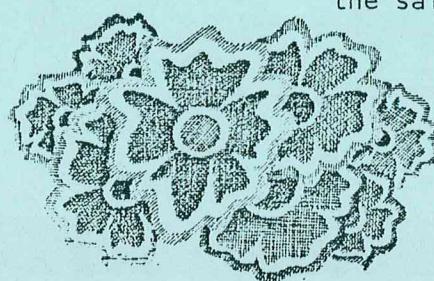
A flea market sale is being planned for Heritage Day this year. Jeanine Jensen, Chairman of the Historical Commission and a member of the Heritage Day planning committee, has offered to run the "collectibles corner". We do not want a typical flea market type of junk sale. What we do want are items of a collectible nature - small items that are interesting, different, unique, or desirable to collectors. We can not accept large items for the sale - please, no furniture or other bulky items.

Do you have anything you could donate to the sale? All proceeds will go to the Museum so please check your basement, attic, and garage for anything you've been saving but really have no use for. Spring housecleaning is just about here so keep us in mind. Plan on dropping off items at the Museum during the week of May 6th. This will give Jeanine time to sort, mark, and price the items prior to the "big day" on May 20th. Unfortunately, we can not accept items on consignment this year. We need your help to make this first attempt at a "white elephant" sale a success. Call Jeanine (646-9669) for more information.

ATTENTION ALL GUIDES

Please remember that you are required to keep a record of all the time you volunteer at the Museum. The notebook in the Country Store has been replaced by a chart on the bulletin board of the Museum office. The chart has everyone's name and a small box for each day of the month. In the box, please remember to record the number of hours you have worked. This simple record keeping procedure is important for the Museum and it can be useful for you (especially around income tax time) - more on this later.

All items in the Country Store have been inventoried. The inventory list and the prices are in the blue spiral notebook in the counter. Please remember that there are more items in the drawers of the display case and on the shelf under the counter. Please write a sales slip for all sales and place it in the back of the blue spiral notebook so we can keep track of all the sales and the inventory.



Exciting, new items have been ordered for the gift shop - tinware, pewter spoons, and crockery pieces. The older items have been reduced in price for quicker turnover. Come in and see what's new and tell your friends to visit the gift shop too. Peg and members of the staff are formulating recommendations, for consideration by the Historical Commission, concerning a bigger and better "gift shop" for the Museum Guild. We'll let you know what happens after (and if) the Commission approves our ideas.

RADIO PROGRAM TO AIR TROY HISTORY

Information about Troy's history was recently given to WJR for Oscar Frenette's program "Discovering Detroit." It's aired daily at about 11:30 a.m. so why not listen to WJR to see if Troy gets plugged.

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO MUSEUM OFFICE

GUILD BALLOT

SHOULD ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE TROY MUSEUM GUILD
BE ENTITLED TO A 20% DISCOUNT ON GIFT SHOP
MERCHANDIZE?

YES _____ NO _____

Deadline to cast your vote: April 15, 1979

